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1. The following locations of regiments are noted:

- a. 3 Infantry Regiment : Belogradchik
- b. 6 Infantry Regiment : Tsarevo Selo
- c. 9 Infantry Regiment (with artillery units): South of Peshtera-Smolyan line
- d. 39 Infantry Regiment : North of Nevrokop, on the frontier

2. Units of 30 Infantry Regiment were observed recently at Harmanli.

3. Units of 23 Infantry Regiment have been transferred from Kazanlik to Kushukavak.

4. One squadron of 6 Cavalry Regiment has arrived in Elhovo - another has left for Harmanli.

5. A number of officers belonging to 24 and 29 Infantry Regiments were seen at Malko Tervovo on 19 March 1949.

6. Units of 11 Infantry Regiment left Elhovo for the Turkish Frontier during the first week of March 1949. They are occupying the frontier sector between Lesovo and Hodzha-Kioi. Two batteries of regimental guns and an unspecified number of field guns arrived at Elhovo to reinforce these units. The headquarters remains at Elhovo. Battalions are on a war time basis.

7. Units of 24 Infantry Regiment are in the Tikenji-Rezve (sic) frontier sector.

8. Newly-arrived units of 29 Infantry Regiment occupy the frontier sector between Hodzha-Kioi and Tikenji (sic).

9. The headquarters of 8 Division, commanded by Shterio Atanasov, is located in the Military Club building in Haskovo.

10. Six howitzers and 24 field guns (all new) arrived at Haskovo by rail, on 24 - 25 March 1949.

11. On 24 - 25 March 1949 a group of Bulgarian and Soviet officers arrived by

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car in Haskovo. The name of the senior Soviet officer was Colonel Ivanchev, and he was attended by a Soviet Major Tiklev.

12. Freight cars from Varna, loaded with war material (including four heavy anti-aircraft guns and three searchlights) were observed at Mezdra station on 25 March 1949. They were destined for Vratsa.
13. Approximately 1,000 Macedonian irregulars are concentrated in the Tsarevo Selo area.
14. Numerous bands, consisting mainly of Greeks and Bulgarians from Greek Thrace, are in the Haskovo-Smolyan-Kula area.
15. Chetniks have been observed at: Nevrokop (about 1,000), Petrich-Kula region (2-3,000). They are distributed among the villages in these areas in groups of approximately 60, 100 or 120 men. Armament includes carbines, German and Italian automatics, and a large number of hand grenades.

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